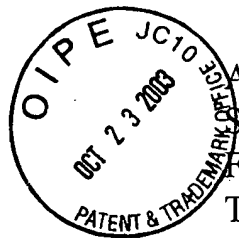


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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 7, 2002 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on February 7, 2003. Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicants further respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows: